



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 4-10, 2009

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; statistically, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and cigarette smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

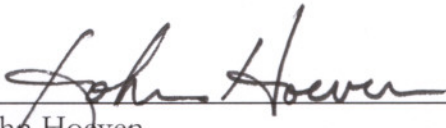
WHEREAS, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries, and while thermal burns outnumber scalds nearly two-to-one, scalds outnumber burns roughly two-to-one for children ages five and under; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

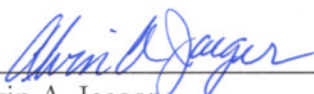
WHEREAS, North Dakota's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fires, especially in their homes, and residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme, *Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned* effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2009, **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State